An

ORDINANCE

Declaratory

OF THE

Lords and Commons

Assembled in

PARLIAMENT,

For the regulating of the Excise upon Flesh, viz. *Beeves, Muttons, Veals, Porks, Lambs*, and other Butchers Meat kill'd for provision of Victuals.

Die Sabbathi, 3 Augusti, 1644.

ORdered by the Lords assembled in Parliament, That this Ordinance shall be forthwith printed and published.

Joh. Browne, Cler. Parliamentorum.

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Die Sabbathi, 3 Auguſti, 1644.

An ORDINANCE Declaratory, for the better regulating and levying of the Exciſe of Fleſh, within the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, Suburbs, and Lines of Communication.

WHereas by a late Ordinance of Parliament bearing date the ninth of *January*, 1643. there is a Rate of Exciſe ſet upon all Beeves, Veals, Muttons, Porks, Lambs, and other Butchers meat to be killed for proviſion of Victuals, and the ſame to be levied according to the value of the Beaſt when he is living; and all Butchers and others from whom any ſuch Exciſe ſhould at any time become due, to pay and be accountable for the ſame weekly:

Now the Lords and Commons aſſembled in Parliament finding the many inconveniences that do and will of neceſſity ariſe in levying the ſame within the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, Suburbs of both, and Lines of Communication, by the Rule preſcribed by the aforeſaid Ordinance, if the collecting the ſaid Exciſe ſhould be

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continued for the future in that way: For prevention whereof, and for the more regular and facile levying the ſame for the future, within the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, their Suburbs, and Lines of Communication aforeſaid; Be it Ordained by the ſaid Lords and Commons aſſembled in Parliament, That all Beeves, Muttons, Veals, Lambs, Porks and other Butchers meat (in the aforeſaid Ordinances mentioned to be exciſeable, from and after the twentieth day of this preſent *July*) which ſhall be bought to be killed for ſlaughter, and proviſion of Victual, within the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, their Suburbs, and Lines of Communication, ſhall be liable to pay, while all ſuch cattel are yet alive; the ſaid Duty of Exciſe being one ſhilling in every twenty ſhillings value of the Beaſt living.

And be it further Ordained, That all Graſiers, Butchers and others, who from and after the day and yeer aforeſaid ſhall bring any live Beeves, Muttons, Veals, Lambs, Porks, or other ſort of Butchers Ware before ſpecified, either by Land or Water, into the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, their Suburbs, or Lines of Communication, to be killed for ſale or private ſpending, do and ſhall, at the Ports, and firſt entrance within the Lines of Communication, make known unto ſuch Officer or Officers as ſhall be appointed by the Commiſſioners of Exciſe to attend ſuch Port or place, the number and nature of the ſaid cattel, and the names of the right owners of them; which the ſaid Officers ſhall regiſter in a book, and deliver unto the perſon who hath the charge of the ſaid cattel a Certificate or Ticket of the ſame.

And be it further Ordained, That no Graſier, Butcher,

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or other perſon whatſoever, who, from and after the day and yeer aforeſaid, ſhall bring any live Beeves, Muttons, Veals, Lambs, Porks, or other Butchers ware before ſpecified, either by Land or Water, into the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, their Suburbs, and Lines of Communication, do or ſhall preſume to put any ſuch beaſt to ſale in any place within the Line of Communication, but in the open and uſuall place and Market in *Smithfield*, upon pain of forfeiture of ſuch beaſt, or the value thereof. 245

And that every ſuch Graſier or other who ſhall put to ſale any kinde of cattel exciſeable by this Ordinance, within the ſaid Cities of *London* or *Weſtminſter*, or Line of Communication, and within the time aforeſaid, do and ſhall give notice thereof, together with the true price of ſuch cattel, unto the Officer or Deputy appointed by the Commiſſioners of Exciſe to attend at ſome known place in *Smithfield*, to regiſter all ſuch cattel, and to receive the Exciſe due for them; and ſhall not make delivery of any cattel ſo ſold, untill the Exciſe be duely paid, and a Ticket obtained to teſtifie the ſame, upon forfeiture of treble the value of the Exciſe of ſuch cattel; and that every Butcher who ſhall buy ſuch cattel, ſhall duely pay the Exciſe as aforeſaid, before he kill the ſame, upon pain of forfeiture of the ſaid cattel, or the value of it.

And be it further Ordained, That if any Butcher or other, who, from and after the day and yeer above written, ſhall bring any live cattel above ſpecified, either by Land or Water, into the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, their Suburbs, or Lines of Communication, to kill for ſale, or his own private ſpending, which he or they bought without the Line of Communication, that every ſuch Butcher or other ſhall, at the entrance of ſuch Port,

pay the ſaid Duty of Exciſe for all ſuch cattel, according to the intent of this Ordinance, unto the Officers for that purpoſe there deputed to receive the ſame.

And that all Butchers and others, who, for the uſes aforeſaid, ſhall from henceforth buy, feed, or otherwiſe have in readineſſe to kill for proviſion of Victuall the ſorts and kindes of cattel before mentioned, within the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, or Line of Communication, which came not immediately from without the Line, ſhall, before any ſuch cattel be by them put to ſale or killed, pay the ſaid Duty of Exciſe into the Office of Exciſe, or elſe there give ſufficient teſtimony that it was paid before.

And be it likewiſe Ordained, That all and every ſuch Graſier, Butcher, or other perſon or perſons whatſoever, as ſhall ſeek to evade this Ordinance, by refuſing to pay the aforeſaid Duty of Exciſe according to the tenour hereof, or practiſe any other fraudulent means or ways to elude the ſame in any particular, That every ſuch perſon or perſons ſo offending, beſides the ſeverall penalties before mentioned, ſhall be eſteemed a perſon ill affected to the State, and ſuffer ſuch further puniſhment as both Houſes of Parliament ſhall adjudge.

And laſtly, the ſaid Lords and Commons do further Ordain and Declare; That every other matter and thing contained in the former Ordinance of Exciſe on Fleſh of the ninth of *January* laſt, and thereby enjoyned to be executed and done, ſave in the matter of regul ting and levying of the ſame as by this Ordinance, ſhall to all intents and purpoſes remain, and be in full force and vertue.

Joh. Browne, Cler. Parliamentorum.

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Die Sabbathi, 3 Auguſti, 1644.

An Ordinance of the Lords and Commons, whereby the Commiſſioners of Exciſe are directed unto whom they are to pay the Receits of the Exciſe upon the additionall Ordinance of Parliament, 8 *Junii*, 1644.

BE it Ordained by the Lords and Commons in Parliament aſſembled, That the moneys raiſed upon the additionall Exciſe, by an Ordinance of the eighth of July, 1644. *and by that Ordinance divided into three parts, and apportioned to ſeverall uſes, ſhall be paid by the Commiſsioners of Exciſe unto the perſons hereafter mentioned: that is to ſay, The moytie of one third part, appointed by the ſaid Ordinance for the ſatisfaction of the preſsing debts due to the ſeverall Handi-craftſmen, ſtrangers and other perſons, for Arms and Ammunition heretofore bought for the uſe of the State; and to ſeverall poor perſons, for carriage by Carts and Waggons for the ſame uſe, ſhall be paid to Sir* Gilbert Gerard *Knight, Treaſurer at Wars, for thoſe uſes: the other moytie of that third part, appointed for the relief of wounded and maimed Souldiers, and for ſatisfaction of Phyſitians, Apothecaries, Chirurgions, for the care of ſuch Souldiers; and for the relief of ſuch widows and children as have loſt their husbands and fathers in the Service of the Commonn-*

monwealth, shall be paid unto William Greenhill, John Pocock, John Randal *and* Richard Hutchinson, *Treasurers appointed for the maimed Souldiers, or unto any two of them, for those used: The second third part, whereof the one moytie is by that Ordinance appointed to be employed towards the Land-Forces in the Service of the Parliament, shall be paid to the said Sir* Gilbert Gerard *Knight; and the other moytie, appointed for the provision of Arms and Ammunition for the said Land-Forces, shall be paid to Sir* Walter Earle *Knight, Lieutenant of the Ordnance: The last third part, the one moytie whereof is appointed by that Ordinance for the maintenance of the Navie by Sea, shall be paid to Sir* Henry Vane *junior Knight, Treasurer of the Navie, by Order of the Committee of the Navie; the other moytie of the said third part, appointed for Arms, Stores, and Ammunition for the Navie, shall be paid to the said Sir* Walter Earle *Knight, for the use of the Navie, by Order of the said Committee of the Navie. And the receit of the severall persons appointed by this Ordinance for the respective Sums by them to be received according to the intent of this Ordinance, shall be a Warrant and Discharge unto the Commissioners of Excise.*

Joh. Browne, Cler. Parl.

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